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Docket No.: VRT0092US

January 13, 2006

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P. O. Box 1450
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Re: Applicant(s): Vivek V. Gupta; Basant Rajan; Angshuman Bezbarua
Assignee: VERITAS Operating Corporation
Title: Method And System For Improved Storage System Performance Using Cloning Of
Cached Data
Serial No.: 10/642,862
Examiner: Hetul B. Patel
Docket No.: VRT0092US Filed: August 18, 2003
Group Art Unit: 2186

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page) (in duplicate); and
- (3) Response To Non-Final Office Action (17 pages).

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| Total Claims | 36 | Minus | 35 | = | 1 | x \$ 50.00 | \$ | 50.00 |
| Independent Claims | 5 | Minus | 5 | = | 1 | x \$200.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
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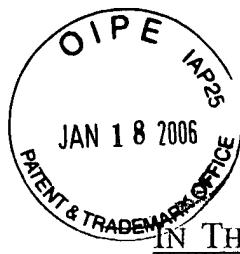
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 14, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring on January 14, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

No amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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